



Elmer Edward Horsey

July 29, 1932 - January 1, 2023

Elmer Edward Horsey, age 90, of Chestertown, MD, died on January 1, 2023. He was the son of the late Martha Williams and Harvey Strickler Horsey of Easton, MD.

Mr. Horsey graduated from Easton High School in 1949 and from the University of Maryland where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He entered the United States Air Force as a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant. Upon his honorable discharge as a 1st Lieutenant, he worked for the Granger and Faw Accounting firm in Salisbury before moving permanently to their Chestertown office. He later became the President and Treasurer of Nylon Capital Shopping Center, Inc., an entity owned by the late Louisa d'A. Carpenter, retiring in 2019, after 54 years of employment.

Mr. Horsey was active with the Kent County little league baseball program and coached the Rotary Team with assistant, Edward Lee "Sonny" Townsend. His team was undefeated in their final year in the spring of 1970. Mr. Horsey is fondly remembered for picking his players up in his special bus and treating them to ice cream at the Tastee Freeze at the end of the game. Mr. Horsey and the now deceased Walter Kirby introduced little league football to Kent County in the fall of 1970.

Mr. Horsey was a Past President and member of the Chestertown Rotary Club for 30 years, a longtime member and Past President of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club, a member of the Chestertown Elks Lodge, Frank M. Jarman American Legion Post 36, and a life member of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company. He was the Director and Secretary/Treasurer of the Florida Breeders' Sales Company from 1969 to 1981. He served on the Maryland State Handgun Permit Review Board for 23 years and served as a Maryland State Roads Commissioner for 20 years – a position he held at the time of his death. He served as the campaign treasurer for the gubernatorial and comptroller elections for William Donald Schaefer and was a Trustee of the Government House Foundation for many years. He served as President of the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League. He was a member of the Board and past Chairman of The Peoples Bank.

Mr. Horsey served four terms as Mayor of Chestertown beginning in 1978. He oversaw a major redevelopment of Chestertown's historic downtown area, including brick sidewalks. He was instrumental, along with the Chestertown Council, in eliminating nearly all of Chestertown's dilapidated housing areas and adding new residential units. Fifty-eight senior low income rental units, 154 low income rental units and 349 regular apartments and houses, were constructed while he was Mayor. The Chestertown Business Park, Radcliffe Industrial Park, the bringing together of the Washington College campus by closing Gibson Avenue, and expanding town limits with the annexations of Foxley Manor, Coventry Farms and Stepne Manor were all completed during his terms. He had the vision to purchase and develop six acres of Chestertown's abandoned waterfront industrial district now named Wilmer Park. He doubled the capacity of both water and sewer while meeting EPA guidelines. He was also instrumental in paving the way for Heron Point to be developed, negotiating and obtaining approvals with various state agencies on their behalf.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Patricia Joan Ozman Horsey; two children, Elizabeth Anne Horsey and Gary Edward Horsey (Melissa); three step-children, Tracye Eve Smith Landon (Walter "Pete"), Scott Ozman Smith (Shari), and Todd Bringman Smith (Diane); two grandchildren, Jennifer Ashley Horsey White (Tegan) and Lauren Nicholson Horsey; five step-grandchildren, Frank Ozman Smith (Jessica), Kathryn Macey Smith Parker (Wes), Carli Crew Smith, James Thomas Ozman Landon and Baker Fallon Horsey Landon; a great-grandson, William Kade White; and a step-great-granddaughter, Frankie Olive Smith. A brother, Harvey S. Horsey II, and four sisters, Janith Horsey Collin, Emily Horsey Edwards, Eloise Horsey Cannoles and Evelyn Horsey McPhillips predeceased him.

"Mayor Horsey was the perfect mayor for Chestertown when he was elected in 1978. His energy and financial expertise were essential to the dramatic changes that would follow. Mr. Horsey put the Town of Chestertown on the map by making sure that our state legislators and governors knew we were over here. My sixteen years of working with him were filled with the joys of shared successes that came from his drive, work ethic and determination". -- William S. "Bill" Ingersoll, Town Manager

"We are saddened by the loss of Elmer E. Horsey. We've lost a great man who truly loved Kent County, and for that, he will be greatly missed. His service to the community rings true as he served as the Mayor of Chestertown for 16 years. In 1979, he agreed to serve as a member of the Kent County Economic Development Advisory Board and continued to do so until 2000. Elmer's skills were then called upon to aid Kent County for a couple of years by serving as the Director of Economic Development. Elmer was a long-standing State Roads Commission member and a life member of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company, Station 6. His efforts were many, but he always held Kent County close to his heart. In some ways, Elmer was larger

than life. Personally, I was lucky enough to call him a lifelong friend. I sought his advice throughout the years, and we enjoyed a mutual respect that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I hope the Horsey family finds peace in knowing that Elmer's contributions made a difference in Kent County. -- Ronald H. "Ron" Fithian, President of the County Commissioners of Kent County, MD.

In a memorial tribute to Mr. Horsey, Governor Larry Hogan and Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford were grateful to honor him for "an extraordinary life whose generous spirit, strength of character, and commitment to public service greatly benefited Chestertown, Kent County, and the State of Maryland enriching the lives of all who had the pleasure and honor of knowing him." Condolences were offered with great respect and admiration reflecting on his positive and lasting legacy on behalf of his family, friends and beloved Eastern Shore conferring a Governor's Citation as a memorial tribute to the Elmer E. "Chief" Horsey.

"...there is not enough space to describe what a wonderful difference Mr. Horsey made during his lifetime - a real leader in the greatest generation. I fondly remember his many visits to the office and events when William Donald Schaefer was reigning King of our state". -- Donna Schuman, Administrator in the Office of the Governor

Friends may visit the family from noon until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, at 19 Byford Court in Chestertown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 126, Chestertown, MD 21620; Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., 211 Maple Ave., Chestertown, MD; Emmanuel Church Preservation Fund, 101 N. Cross St., Chestertown, MD 21620.

Interment was in the family cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer Edward Horsey* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dani Roser Woodhurst lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey* ”



Dani Roser Woodhurst - February 11, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Elmer Edward Horsey* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Elmer Edward Horsey* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dan Jankelunas lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey* ”



Dan Jankelunas - January 23, 2023 at 09:39 AM

DJ

To Joan and Family,

There are those rare individuals who make a lasting impact on our lives. Selflessly giving of their time, energy and expertise to make the community a better place. Guiding individuals and families in profoundly positive ways. Leaving things better off than they found them.

Chief was just that kind of man.

I was fortunate to meet him at a young age, appreciated his wisdom throughout the years, and loved the stories he shared. He was truly a force.

There are no words that seem adequate during this difficult time. So in memory and in celebration of Chief- a man who made the world a brighter and better place...

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Dan Jankelunas

Dan Jankelunas - January 23, 2023 at 09:50 AM

BT

“ *Billy & Tonya Thomas lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Billy & Tonya Thomas - January 17, 2023 at 08:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elmer Edward Horsey.*



January 16, 2023 at 02:25 PM

SF

“ *Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



shirley Foster - January 12, 2023 at 09:55 AM

PS

“ *Phyllis Schultz lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Phyllis Schultz - January 09, 2023 at 08:49 PM

PS

Elmer was a good man. He was larger than life and will be missed by so many. My prayers are with Joan and the rest of the family.

Phyllis Schultz - January 09, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ *Michael Curtin lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Michael Curtin - January 09, 2023 at 01:39 PM

RT

“ Ray And Sherren Tarrach lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Ray and Sherren Tarrach - January 07, 2023 at 02:33 PM

CH

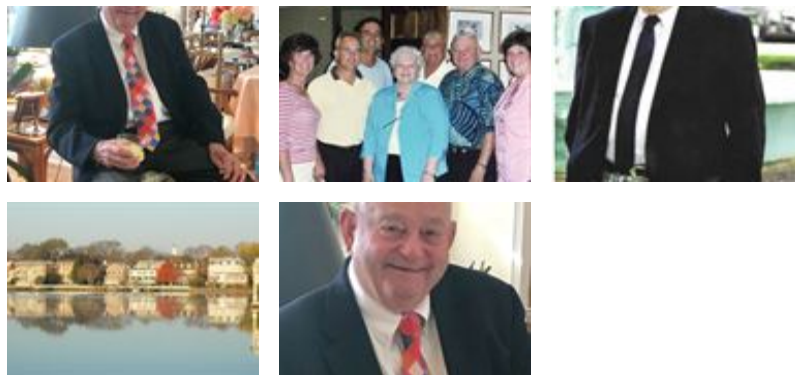
“ Colleen & Harry Hanson lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Colleen & Harry Hanson - January 07, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ 9 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 07, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elmer Edward Horsey.*



January 06, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *Nancy Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Nancy Greenwood - January 06, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *We will all miss our "Chief" and his kindness will be long remembered. Just look around Chestertown and you know how much he cared for us all. Phyllis Brown*



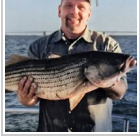
Phyllis Brown - January 06, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Heidi & Mark Potter lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Heidi & Mark Potter - January 06, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *RIP, Mr. Horsey. You were a great man.*
Sandy & Nat Walton



Nat Walton - January 06, 2023 at 09:50 AM

BL

“ *Brenda K Lyons lit a candle in memory of*
Elmer Edward Horsey



Brenda K Lyons - January 06, 2023 at 07:55 AM

LI

“ *LindaPowell lit a candle in memory of Elmer*
Edward Horsey



LindaPowell - January 05, 2023 at 09:18 PM

LI

Really going to miss the Christmas card .my heart is going to miss you.

LindaPowell - January 05, 2023 at 09:21 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Butler lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Cheryl Butler - January 05, 2023 at 07:18 PM

C2

“ Chestertown Elks Lodge # 2474 lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Chestertown Elks Lodge # 2474 - January 05, 2023 at 04:32 PM

E2

“ The Chestertown Elks Lodge # 2474 sends their sincere condolences to Elmer's family. We will miss him at the Lodge.

Elks Lodge # 2474 - January 05, 2023 at 04:32 PM

RK

“ Rita Kulley lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Rita Kulley - January 05, 2023 at 04:17 PM

RK

“ Elmer has always been so special to Eddie and I. We are saddened by his death. Our condolences to Joan and his entire loving family.

Rita Kulley - January 05, 2023 at 04:17 PM

TF

“ The Mumford Family lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



The Mumford family - January 05, 2023 at 02:12 PM

TF

Elmer Horsey put Chestertown on the map. His service was stellar. He will be missed. God Bless everyone in his family.

The Mumford family - January 05, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer Edward Horsey.



January 05, 2023 at 01:17 PM

SH

“ Chief's kindness to all and enduring humor will be so missed. Our family is so honored to have shared so many years together. Our love is with him and his entire family as we get used to days without him.

Samantha Hollomon - January 05, 2023 at 01:05 PM

PO

“ *Paula Wordtt And Richard Owen lit a candle
in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Paula Wordtt and Richard Owen - January 05, 2023 at 10:38 AM

RR

“ *Regina Reed lit a candle in memory of Elmer
Edward Horsey*



Regina Reed - January 05, 2023 at 07:48 AM

JN

“ *Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of
Elmer Edward Horsey*



Joyce Nicholson - January 05, 2023 at 12:28 AM

DW

“ *Debbie Wiest lit a candle in memory of Elmer
Edward Horsey*



Debbie Wiest - January 04, 2023 at 11:26 PM

AS

“ *Anjanette Smith-Graves lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Anjanette Smith-Graves - January 04, 2023 at 09:05 PM

AG

“ *Mr. Horsey Was one of the kindest men i have ever known. I remember back when i was a mere brat, Mr. Horsey was a personal Assistant / Accountant/Advisor (i think) to Ms. Louisa Carpenter, which lived up the road from us on Rees Corner Rd. Each time Our paths would cross, Mr. Horsey gave me the same time and gratitude as he did Ms. Carpenter, he made you feel never beneath him. Later in my late teens, while i worked for Norton and Edith Bonnett at Bonnetts Town & Country, Mr. Horsey and his wife frequented the store, he was kind, caring and attentive to others. God Bless his family, with condolence of this great human being, during this most trying time. Arthur Godfrey, Clinton NC, formerly Rock Hall)*

Arthur Godfrey - January 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

SW

“ *Sis Williams lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Sis Williams - January 04, 2023 at 05:11 PM

GS

“ Greg Starkey lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Greg Starkey - January 04, 2023 at 05:11 PM

NL

“ Neighbors at Chester River Landing purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Elmer Edward Horsey.



Neighbors at Chester River Landing - January 04, 2023 at 05:02 PM

DB

“ Doris George Bramble lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Doris George Bramble - January 04, 2023 at 04:25 PM

PW

“ Pat And Michael Whitehill lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Pat and Michael Whitehill - January 04, 2023 at 04:17 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Joyce Benton - January 04, 2023 at 03:35 PM

BR

“ *Bob And Sandra Rust lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Bob and Sandra Rust - January 04, 2023 at 03:14 PM

MB

“ *Michelle E Bullock lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



michelle e bullock - January 04, 2023 at 02:59 PM

MB

We were so sorry to hear of Chiefs passing. Your family is on out thoughts and prayers.

michelle e bullock - January 04, 2023 at 03:00 PM

BP

“ Sincere condolences to the Horsey family.



Bruce & Lisa Plummer - January 04, 2023 at 02:42 PM

SC

“ Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Sharon Crew - January 04, 2023 at 02:30 PM

JT

“ Jen & Gene Teat lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Jen & Gene Teat - January 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM

JE

We are so sorry to hear of The Chief's passing. Our prayers are with you, Joan and family.

Jen - January 04, 2023 at 02:17 PM

MJ

“ Margaret Janney lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Margaret Janney - January 04, 2023 at 01:58 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Tracy Schulz - January 04, 2023 at 01:35 PM

TL

“ Tammy And Matt Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Tammy and Matt Larrimore - January 04, 2023 at 01:01 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Butler & Brendon lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Cheryl Butler & Brendon - January 04, 2023 at 12:45 PM

WK

“ *W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



W. Kevin & Ella L. Kerr - January 04, 2023 at 12:21 PM

DP

“ *Donna & Jimmy Payne lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Donna & Jimmy Payne - January 04, 2023 at 11:31 AM

TF

“ *Elmer was a great friend who was always available to help all those he could. As mayor of Chestertown, he made it the ideal small American town in which to live. He was dedicated to the Chestertown community and his friends.
I am a better person because of his guidance and friendship.
Rosemary and I are proud that he was the best man at our wedding and will always have a special place in our hearts for the Chief.
Our heartfelt condolences to Joan and the entire Horsey family. God bless all of you during this difficult time.
Tom Finnegan*

Tom Finnegan - January 04, 2023 at 11:01 AM

SF

“ Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



shirley Foster - January 04, 2023 at 10:39 AM

BB

“ Beverly Metz Blakeney lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



beverly metz blakeney - January 04, 2023 at 10:29 AM

CM

“ Cindy Mills lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Cindy Mills - January 04, 2023 at 10:19 AM

DS

“ Dave And Donell Smith lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Dave and Donell Smith - January 04, 2023 at 09:53 AM

DS

Elmer did so much for the youth of Kent County. Through baseball and football and so much more. I always appreciated all the things he did for kids!

Dave and Donell Smith - January 04, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ *Marian Wyble lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Marian Wyble - January 04, 2023 at 09:51 AM



“ *Prayers of comfort to his family. May he rest in peace.*
Sandy & Nat Walton



Sandy Walton - January 04, 2023 at 09:01 AM

SM

“ *Susan Martinez lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Susan Martinez - January 04, 2023 at 08:53 AM

CT

“ *Carroll Thompson lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



carroll Thompson - January 04, 2023 at 08:12 AM

DN

“ *Debbie & Bob Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Debbie & Bob Nickerson - January 03, 2023 at 08:56 PM

DN

Joan and family, We are so sorry for your loss.

Debbie & Bob Nickerson - January 03, 2023 at 08:59 PM

CT

Will miss him greatly, was always there for our family.

carroll Thompson - January 04, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ *Mary Landa lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Mary Landa - January 03, 2023 at 08:34 PM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - January 03, 2023 at 08:11 PM

JE

We are sad to hear of Elmers passing.He was such a great friend to us and he will be missed.We have a lot of special memories of this special man.God Bless you all.Jim And Mary Ann Edwards

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - January 03, 2023 at 08:21 PM

JH

“ Joan Hatcherson lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Joan Hatcherson - January 03, 2023 at 07:48 PM

JS

“ Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Jeanette Stubbs - January 03, 2023 at 07:23 PM

BR

“ *Barbara Louise Robinson lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Barbara Louise Robinson - January 03, 2023 at 07:16 PM



“ *Susie Comegys lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Susie Comegys - January 03, 2023 at 06:44 PM

WH

“ *Wendy Bowers Hutchinson lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Wendy Bowers Hutchinson - January 03, 2023 at 06:34 PM

GS

“ *George Short lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



George Short - January 03, 2023 at 06:27 PM

MU

“ Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Marie Usilton - January 03, 2023 at 06:01 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - January 03, 2023 at 05:35 PM

GP

To the family...our prayers and blessings are with you at this time. It was always a pleasure to chat with Mr. Elmer. He never forgot anybody. He will surely be missed in the Community and the State of Maryland. You will never be forgotten Mr. Elmer. Keep on smiling. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - January 09, 2023 at 06:20 PM

DH

“ Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Donna Hollett - January 03, 2023 at 05:15 PM

JD

“ Jack & Debbie lit a candle in memory of
Elmer Edward Horsey



Jack & Debbie - January 03, 2023 at 05:09 PM

JD

So sorry for your family's loss

Jack and Debbie Kemp

Jack & Debbie - January 03, 2023 at 05:10 PM

JD

So sorry to hear this news, thinking of the family

Jack & Debbie - January 03, 2023 at 05:12 PM

DH

“ Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in
memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Denny and Judy Hickman - January 03, 2023 at 05:00 PM

JD

“ Joyce And Joe Dalto lit a candle in memory of
Elmer Edward Horsey



Joyce and Joe Dalto - January 03, 2023 at 04:57 PM

BM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Chief’s passing. Many prayers going out to the family.



Bob&Jessie Merritt - January 03, 2023 at 04:54 PM

FD

“ Frankie And Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Frankie and Jane Dill - January 03, 2023 at 04:53 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey



Nancy Hubbard - January 03, 2023 at 04:31 PM

NH

Joan you are in my thoughts. My heart hurts for you.

Nancy Hubbard - January 03, 2023 at 04:34 PM

BF

“ *Betta Fraccaroli lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Betta Fraccaroli - January 03, 2023 at 04:18 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dalymple lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Debbie Dalymple - January 03, 2023 at 03:59 PM

LB

“ *Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Larry Beck - January 03, 2023 at 03:54 PM

PG

“ *Pat Grussing lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Pat Grussing - January 03, 2023 at 03:53 PM

RA

“ *Retha J. Arrabal lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Retha J. Arrabal - January 03, 2023 at 03:00 PM

TF

“ *The Ruehrmund Family lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



The Ruehrmund Family - January 03, 2023 at 02:42 PM

SJ

“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Sherrie jacobs - January 03, 2023 at 02:34 PM

SJ

We are so sorry to hear about Chief. Our thoughts and prayers to everyone.

Sherrie jacobs - January 03, 2023 at 02:34 PM

BT

“ *Billy & Tonya Thomas lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Billy & Tonya Thomas - January 03, 2023 at 02:30 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Charles & Donna Edwards - January 03, 2023 at 02:18 PM

DE

“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Elmer Edward Horsey*



Donna Hubbard Edwards - January 03, 2023 at 02:10 PM

DE

Mr. Horsey will be miss by so many people. He was a wonderful friend to the Hubbard & Edwards families.

My Dad, Cope Hubbard gave him his name Chief. I don't know what will do without you doing our taxes. You were a wonderful friend and I know you are in heaven with my Dad. God Bless you and love you until we meet again.

Donna Hubbard Edwards - January 03, 2023 at 02:17 PM

ML

I don't know how many hours Mr.Horsey put into helping people--especially kids--develop through either little league or football, but the numbers are off the charts.

I don't remember him ever trying to call attention to himself or his good works, which are too many to number.

Plus, he always made you laugh!

The world has lost a great man.

Mark Lichtenberger

mark lichtenberger - January 04, 2023 at 05:54 PM

JW

One of the nicest people I've known. He and Joan were incredibly kind to my wife Dixie while I was overseas during the war. A kind, generous man.

Joseph Williams - January 06, 2023 at 03:25 PM